

THE PULPIT

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Subject—The Ten Words.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Preaching at the Irving Square Presbyterian Church on the theme "The Ten Words," the Rev. Ira W. Henderson, pastor, took as his text Exodus 20:1-17. He said:

Whatever may be our personal and private convictions as to the manner of God's revelation of Himself to Moses; however much we may differ as to the exact form in which the law-giver of Israel received the message of Divinity; however much we may be at variance as to the exactness of the Bible story in its portrayal of the scene when Moses met Jehovah on Sinai; no matter what may be our belief concerning the date, and the authorship of the book of the Exodus, the simple fact is that the ten commandments are the expression of fundamental truths that God has revealed to man. Behind all human law and jurisprudence lies the code of Moses. These ten stern, terse negative commands that Moses got from God are at the basis of all legal theory and practice. The decalog is the codification of the divine will for the guidance and control of human action. The ten words are the rules of the Almighty for the regulation of man's relations with humanity and his Maker. Take them, merely, if you will, as the human recognition of man's obligations toward God and society and still the commandments are of God. Whether we reach the conclusion by the firesome philosophy of the Middle Ages, or by the simple reasoning of the earliest minds of Israel, or by the scientific discriminative processes of modern thought, the fact is that all truth is from God. "Thus saith the Lord" is the source of life's verities. It is God who inspires us, God who gives us knowledge and understanding and wisdom; God it is who sends us onward and upward. He it was who put into the hearts of Moses and of Israel the love of His laws, and the desire to do His will. And to-day He strives with us as really as He ever endeavored with the generations that are dead.

The question is not whether or no God gave Moses tablets of stone; the issue is not whether or no Moses wrote the story of the scene on the mount, as it is preserved to us; the point to be decided is whether or no Moses spoke God-given truth. It all hinges not on the manner of the delivery of the commandments but upon the nature and divineness of the matter revealed. Do Moses' words bear the marks of a heaven-born gift, are they fraught with the power and the wisdom of Jehovah Himself? Are they stamped with a celestial brand and do they express everlasting verities? Are they just to men and are they worthy of the King? Do they meet the needs of men? Are they inspirational? These are the tests of the usefulness and the worthiness of the commandments. These are the qualities that must inhere in them ere they can command the respect of humanity and evidence God's origination.

By these standards the ten commandments are divinely inspired. A glance at them discloses to us the seal of the Eternal. Experience of their value in the midst of the activities of this world's life proves their worth to mankind. Analysis of their content and their aim leads us to declare them worthy of Jehovah. With all that inquiry asks and criticism demands the ten words are at once.

Consider the commandments separately and you will grant I speak the truth. The call of God for undivided loyalty to Himself is but the voice of reason. No man can serve two masters. And it is a certainty that least of all can he serve two masters whose interests are diametrically opposed. We cannot serve righteousness and sin at the same time. God deserves the full devotion of every human heart. To worship an idol is to lose the consciousness of the spirituality of Divinity, to make means for the end, material manifestations for the unseen dynamo. To play fast and loose with God's name is an insult to the Father. The self-respect of God requires human self-control. Profanity is indecent and degrading to mind and soul. The need and the preciousness of a Sabbath's rest is too apparent to warrant comment. Common courtesy accords respect to our earthly parents, especially when they are worthy of respect. Strict obedience to the command "thou shalt not kill" would spoil the business of the executioners; stop war at once.

The fruits of adultery are all too distressingly visible. The jails are full of thieves and would be overcrowded were the Mosaic code rigidly applied and enforced. Lying is mean, unmanly, despicable, disreputable, devilish. Satisfaction with a fair share of this world's goods is better than covetousness.

The decalog meets humanity at vital points and helps mankind ahead. Although included in the law of love laid down by Christ it is by no means abrogated. The ten commandments bind us as well as Moses. The words of Christ emphasize their demands. The laws of Moses are not defensible or defunct. They will always be obligating. No statement of our Lord and no bit of New Testament wisdom legislates them out of existence or countermands them. They still bind us. The eleventh command merely supports, supplements and reinforces other ten.

Love God and you won't serve Mammon and the no-gods of the aliens. Much less will you take His name in vain. Love God and you will treat His children well. Love the brethren and you will labor to make their lives joyous. The words of Christ serve most to inbed the laws of Moses deeper in the minds of Christians who are honest.

Now it is very generally supposed

that the laws of the ten tablets are of merely negative force. Explicitly, I presume, that is so. On the face of things the element of prohibition enters, largest, into the commands. But every explicit prohibition and negation implicitly asserts a corresponding and correlated affirmation and positive admonition. "Thou shalt not," says the law, explicitly. "Thou shalt" says the same law implicitly. The law against murder implies the right of life. The discountenancing of falsehood puts a premium on truth. To smash our idols is the first step toward whole-spirited service of the alone true God. The command to stop work and shut up shop implies that a day's rest is necessary and that God receives specific recognition from His children once a week at least. These and the rest of the commands induplicate to the man with the open mind more than a series of "don'ts."

Talk about avoiding prohibitions is not well balanced. It is impossible for the thinking man to escape them. The positive commands of Jesus suggests innumerable prohibitions. The mere "thou shalt" intimates that there is something we must not do. Men tell us that prohibitions cause men to desire to do wrong, that commands not to do evil impel men to sin just because of humanity's sheer perverseness. But sin comes from the wilfulness of the sinner and not because of any law, negative or positive. Jesus promulgated the most extensive as well as the most statesmanlike positive law that the world has ever known; but we know that even many of His followers fail to obey it, as well as the multitude of those who defiantly deny Him. Despite Christ's positive example and His positive declarations and demands men still continue to run after sin. The shrine of Mammon is jammed with virtues. The streets resound with curses. The harlots and the men of unclean life still strike unholy bargains. Homes are shattered and lives are blighted by the lying tongue. The evils in "murderers' row" are ever full. The nations maintain armed camps. Legislators spend their time trying to devise ways and means to de-Christianize our Sabbath. I had almost said, legislators waste their time; for their plans will never be crowned with success except America as Ephraim "is a cake not turned." Everywhere and every moment men are sinning, and that in the face of the positive command of Christ that they should desire and strive for the best. But no one is foolish enough to say that the affirmative demand of Jesus that humanity do and be good impels mankind to disobedience. Likewise it ought to be patent that men sin against negative laws not because of the laws but in spite of them. The ten commandments are no more responsible for sin than the eleventh. And the man who says that law excited him to sin invents a lame and a thin excuse to say the most for it.

A due and proper regard for the ten commandments not only will lead men to cease from doing the interdicted sins but also will inspire them to do good. The implicit "thou shalt" is just as mandatory as the explicit "thou shalt not." "Thou shalt not covet," for you will have enough to do and will secure sufficient of this world's stores if you will attend strictly to your own affairs. "Thou shalt not bear false witness," for your own reputation for veracity is lost with the lie. And no matter how well you may lie or how smooth and slick you may be the odds are against you, for the truth must win and it will win. "Thou shalt not commit adultery," because the perpetuity of the race is dependent on its purity. "Thou shalt not kill" because God has given the other man the inalienable right to life. "Honor thy father and thy mother" and let them precipitate any troubles if any there are to be, not you. "Remember the Sabbath day" and make it a true rest-day. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain," and yet I have heard many a man take more liberties with the name of God than you would allow any man to take with yours. Thou shalt not bow down to images or serve other gods, for the Lord is a spirit and a snare; an idol is a delusion and a snare. Let us put aside all quibbling and splitting of hairs and admit the right of the ten words to rule as the laws of our lives. Let us acknowledge their divine inspiration and their worthiness. Let us not seek to escape either their commands or their implications. If we cannot live under the laws of God with peace and quietude of mind then let us change not the laws but our mode of living. The fault is not with God's regulations but with our society and its forms. God giveth and possesseth wisdom. Humanity has a monopoly of the wisecracks.

The statement that the ten commandments are of no use to-day and that we have outgrown them is a bit of fiction. No man is old enough to outgrow essential truth, nor is any people wise enough and strong enough to get along without the ten commandments. So long as men have minds they must recognize the force of "thou shalt not" as the decalog presents it. The few commandments may sun up all the wisdom of the old ones, but the truth that swayed our fathers' fathers must still command allegiance and respect.

Where to Put Your Trust.

My trust is not that I am holy, but that, being unholy, Christ died for me. My rest is here, not in what I am or shall be, or feel or know, but in what Christ is and must be—in what Christ did and is still doing as He stands before yonder throne of glory.—C. H. Sny

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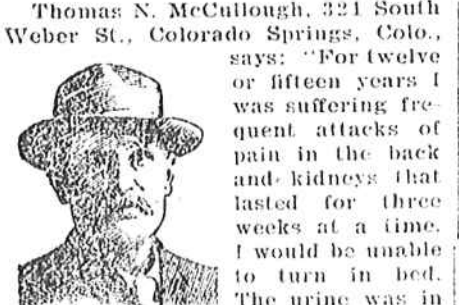
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